

INITIAL STUDY  
CITY OF PARAMOUNT

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. COMPATIBILITY WITH EXISTING ZONING AND PLANS

N/A MAYBE DISCUSSED

1. Discuss any variances, special authorization, or changes proposed to the City Planning Code Zoning Map, if applicable

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- \*2. Discuss any conflicts with the General Plan of the City of Paramount

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- \*3. Discuss any conflicts with any other adopted environmental plans and goals of the City or region, if applicable

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B. ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

YES NO MAYBE DISCUSSED

1. Land Use. Could the project:  
a. Substantially alter the present or planned land use of an area?

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2. Visual Quality. Could the project:

- \*a. Have a substantial, demonstrable negative aesthetic effect?

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- b. Substantially degrade or obstruct any scenic view or vista now observed from public areas?

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- c. Generate obtrusive light or glare substantially impacting other properties?

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YES NO MAYBE DISCUSSED

3 Population. Could the project:

- \*a. Induce substantial growth or concentration of population?
- \*b. Displace a large number of people (involving either housing or employment)?
- c. Create a substantial demand for additional housing in Paramount or substantially reduce the housing supply?

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4 Transportation/Circulation. Could the project:

- \*a. Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system?
- b. Interfere with existing transportation systems, causing substantial alterations to circulation patterns or major traffic hazards?
- c. Cause a substantial increase in transit demand?
- d. Cause a substantial increase in parking demand?

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5. Noise. Could the project

- \*a. Increase substantially the ambient noise levels for adjoining areas?
- b. Be substantially impacted by existing noise levels?

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YES NO MAYBE DISCUSSED

6. Air Quality/Climate. Could the project:

- \*a. Violate any ambient air quality standard or contribute substantially to any existing or projected air quality violation?
- \*b. Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?
- c. Permeate its vicinity with objectionable odors?
- d. Alter wind, moisture or temperature (including sun shading effects), so as to substantially affect public areas, or change the climate either in the community or the region?

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7. Utilities/Public Services. Could the project:

- \*a. Breach published national, state or local standards relating to solid waste or litter control?
- \*b. Extend a sewer trunk line with capacity to serve new development?
- c. Substantially increase demand for schools, fire or police protection, recreation or other public facilities?
- d. Require major expansion of power, waste disposal, or communications facilities or systems?

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8. Biology. Could the project:

- \*a. Substantially affect a rare or endangered species of animal or plant or the habitat of the species?
- \*b. Substantially diminish habitat for fish, wildlife or plants, or interfere substantially with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species?

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- c. Require removal of substantial numbers of mature, scenic trees?

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9. Geology/Topography. Could the project:

- \*a. Expose people or structures to major geologic hazards (slides, subsidence, erosion and liquefaction)?

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- b. Change substantially the topography or any unique geologic or physical features of the site?

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- c. Result in unstable earth conditions or changes in geologic substructures?

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10. Water. Could the project:

- \*a. Substantially degrade water quality, or contaminate a public water supply?

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- \*b. Substantially degrade or deplete ground water resources, or interfere substantially with ground water recharge?

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- \*c. Cause substantial flooding, erosion or siltation?

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- d. Change the absorption rates, drainage patterns or the rate and amount of surface runoff

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11. Energy/Natural Resources. Could the project:

- \*a. Encourage activities which result in the use of large amounts of fuel, water, or energy, or use these in a wasteful manner?

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- b. Have a substantial effect on the potential use, extraction, or depletion of a natural resource or require the development of new sources of energy?

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12. Hazards Could the project:

\*a Create a potential public health hazard or involve the use, production or disposal of materials which pose a hazard to people or animal or plant populations in the area affected?

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\*b. Interfere with emergency response plans

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c. Create a potentially substantial fire hazard?

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13. Human Health. Could the project:

a. Create any health hazard or potential health hazard? (excluding mental health?)

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b. Expose humans to potential hazards?

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14. Cultural Could the project:

\*a. Disrupt or adversely affect a prehistoric or historic archaeological site or a property of historic or cultural significance to a community or ethnic or social group, or a paleontological site except as a part of a scientific study?

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\*b. Conflict with established recreational, educational, religious or scientific uses of the area?

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15. OTHER

Does the project require approval of permits from City Departments other than the Community Development or from Regional, State or Federal Agencies?

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D. MITIGATION MEASURES

1. If any significant effects have been identified, are there ways to mitigate them?

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YES NO MAYBE DISCUSSED

2. Are all mitigation measures identified above included in the project?

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YES NO

F MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

- \*1. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or pre-history?
- \*2. Does the project have the potential to achieve short-term, to the disadvantage of long-term, environmental goals?
- \*3. Does the project have possible environmental effects which are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? (Analyze in the light of past projects, other current projects, and probable future projects.)
- \*4. Would the project cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?
- \*5. Is there a serious public controversy concerning the possible environmental effect of the project?

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On the basis of this initial evaluation:

— I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

— I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because the mitigation measures described on an attached sheet have been added to the project. A NEGATIVE DECLARATION WILL BE PREPARED.

\_\_\_\_\_ I find the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.

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Date                      Signature

Community Development Manager  
Title

\*Derived from State EIR Guidelines, Appendix C, normally significant effect.